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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KAYSER, Carl
LONG, Franklin A.

1. On 21 November 1961 the writer afforded a Security briefing (Red Book) on Project OXCART to Messrs. Kayser and Long in the presence of Mr. Spurgeon Keeny, Scientific Advisory Board, in Mr. Keeny's office, Room 236, Executive Office Building. Also present during this briefing was Mr. Kiefer, Assistant for Technical Analysis. After identifying the program, I inquired of Messrs. Long and Kayser as to whether they were aware of this program prior to my briefing. Mr. Long evidenced no knowledge, and Mr. Kayser said although he had no substantive knowledge, he had heard the word OXCART used. At that point I indicated that the word itself is classified and should not be utilized in telephone conversations, for example. Later during the operational briefing on OXCART by Mr. Bissell and Mr. Kiefer, Mr. Long injected the observation that it is a fine reflection on the security of this program since he was not aware of a program of this magnitude was going on.
2. This overall briefing, security and operational, lasted from 2:30 to 3:40 p.m. Mr. Bissell went into considerable detail concerning the operational aspects of the "Bird," political considerations vis-a-vis the B-70 program, possible variations of the "Bird" for KEDLOCK purposes, etc.
3. At the conclusion of the total briefing I re-emphasized the difference between KEDLOCK and OXCART. I also emphasized to the gentlemen that the key control from a security standpoint, as far as officials of their stature are concerned, is the need for checking beforehand the clearance status of individuals with whom they desire to discuss OXCART information. They seemed to acknowledge the necessity for such a procedure, and they were informed of the established control points within their immediate areas. In response to his query, Mr. Kayser was also informed that project headquarters has a complete roster of Air Force personnel participating in the KEDLOCK operation.

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